



Jesus Came To Seek And To Save The Lost

My Grace Is Sufficient For Thee

Paul said, "For when I am weak, then am I strong"

Maymie Patterson
And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

These are the words of Paul, the apostle, to the Corinthian church, making known unto them wherein he glories. Though this was written to the church at Corinth it means just as much to God's people in this present age. Paul was a man who had much to glory in, his very name Saul, signifying "sought after." He was well versed in the law, being brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. Later he became one of the chief apostles, preaching the gospel of Christ with great effect; he was caught up to the third heaven, and by him many wonderful things were done. Yet here we find him glorying in infirmities and distresses that the power of Christ might rest upon him.

Perilous times are indeed upon us. Winds of doctrine are sweeping thru the land; seducers are arising, even from among us, teaching perverse doctrines; the love of many is waxing cold because iniquity abounds with such power, and times are waxing worse and worse, proving beyond a doubt we are living in the last days. But regardless of the test, the text says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." We must be able to say "not our will but thine be done," before God will manifest His power to destroy the works of the devil. The Lord's ways are always best and they alone satisfy. He will give us our way if we so much desire it, but when we have had it we usually with bitterest regret and remorse confess God's ways are best.

The devil has many pitfalls along the way and every one is very neatly and cleverly disguised. When hunters are searching for big game in the jungles they dig pits across the trails, covering them over with leaves and brush until they cannot be discerned from the solid ground. When the prey steps upon this covering he falls into the trap and is easily taken captive. Satan works in this very way. He disguises himself as an angel of light and covers his pitfalls until they can hardly be detected, then as we pass along, unless we are very securely anchored in Christ Jesus, our Rock of ages, our refuge and strong tower, we will become Satan's prey.

Man is big game, God's greatest creation, because in man rests the immortal soul. Satan is staking heavily on him. He is raging to wreck damnation on God's Masterpiece. In the world are many wonderful works of art, masterpieces of great and wise men, but it is not for these he is seeking but for the handiwork of God that he might destroy it, thus thwarting the purpose the Creator had in view when He formed the world and all that is therein.

Satan is ever in enmity against God because when he was Lucifer, son of the morning (Jas. 14:12), he sought to exalt himself above the stars of God and was cast down from his glory. Today his kingdom is in the air, he being the prince of the powers of the air, and he himself is abroad in the land as a roaring lion, seeking to devour the work of God.

He is a perfect worker, his plans are well laid, he leaves nothing undone, but God who is in us is greater than he that is in the world. To us, (Please Look On Page Three)

I COUNTED THE COST

GLENMORRISON, W. Va.—I am still trying to wend my way heavenward. Although the trials seem hard to bear, I am glad I counted the cost before I started this way. I thank the Lord for sending us Brother Alex Shaffer as our pastor this year. He is a real man of God and will not compromise on the Word of God. When Brother Shaffer came here our Sunday School attendance was from nineteen to twenty-five and by Christmas, he, with the help of the teachers and officers, had the attendance up to sixty-three.

We had a nice program from the Sunday School Christmas Eve night. Everything went off nicely and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Dear saints of God, pray for us at Glenmorrison that God will give us a revival at this place.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Lelia Thompson.

Old Time Revival

SWAINSBORO, Ga.—We can report victory in our souls. We thank God for a full and free salvation. Oh, what a wonderful Savior we have! We praise Him for the Holy Ghost.

We have just closed a revival at Sand Hill. We were there two weeks. Five received the Holy Ghost. We had a wonderful old time pentecostal revival. The Lord was with us in the beginning and ending. We closed the revival on Christmas night. We had Communion service.

We are on our way to the state of California. We will work our way thru so we ask all who read this to pray for us as we journey thru the land singing as we go, pointing souls to Calvary. We are a band of three out to lift up Jesus to a lost world.—Your brothers and sister in Christ, H. S. Scott, A. J. Green and Pearl Greene.

ENDURANCE TEST

J. R. Dodson

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The title of this theme sounds very familiar to every one who gives any thought to the events of the day, for there are many kinds of endurance tests in these last few years.

Notice the words of Jesus at Matt. 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

These words came from the lips of our Lord on the occasion when He was giving instruction to those who were to be sent out to preach the Gospel, and later became the charter members of the Church of God. The word "endure" might not seem to be of great importance, but I am persuaded to think that it is, as those who receive the reward must "endure" hardship, persecution, and the hatred of men in order to be rewarded.

Mr. Webster tells us that "endurance" means an act of enduring.

We can see in the natural how many efforts have been put forth in "endurance tests." People spend their time and money in order to win the reward that is offered. Lindbergh, in his ocean hop, caused a great excitement among a certain class of people; others have taken part in globe trotting, barrel setting, and fishing tests, and many more could be mentioned. Do these pay? I should say they do, in the natural. Those who "endure" to the end are rewarded, usually with money enough to make them comfortable for life, or fame which causes the world to admire them. This is the case in the natural. Shall we, as those who have no continuing city but seek one to come, say with our Brother Paul, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus?"

We all remember well when we were burdened with sin, shame and disgrace, and nothing ahead that was of any interest to us. Then it was that some one came along and told us that Jesus had said for us to find rest for our souls ("Take my yoke upon you, (Please Look On Page Two)

HE IS ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTMOST ALL THOSE WHO COME UNTO HIM BY FAITH

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. 7:25.

I am writing on this subject because I feel that the two classes of people who are anxious to know more about God to fully obey Him, need to more thoroughly understand His plan. Those who have been misfortunate and are not able to read and study the Bible and history are liable to err thru misunderstanding. The class who are able to inform themselves, as a general rule, read the books whose authors are unholly, and thereby their minds are poisoned to the real truth.

These inquiries come from thousands of burdened hearts all thru the Church: What degree of piety is needed to assure acceptance with God? What is the believer's privilege under the reign of Christ? To what extent have we the promise of being saved in this life? For an answer to such inquiries we must consult the Holy Scriptures and human experiences. If we are not warranted by the Word of God to look for entire deliverance from sin in this life it would be absurd for anyone to assume that he had experienced such a deliverance. And if no such deliverance has ever been experienced by believers, though earnestly sought, then of course we could not believe that such a thing was obtainable. But since thousands have been delivered and their lives have proven that they have been the recipients of this wonderful blessing, then we feel that we can rely on the Word of God.

We are taught in the New Testament that we may be saved completely. Heb. 7:25. This Scripture signifies to the farthest extent, to the deepest degree, and the most distant point. It has been affirmed that the term "uttermost" has reference more to duration than to completeness and that this view is sustained by the marginal reading—"evermore," but the ablest expositors, as well as the new version, repudiate the marginal reading as misleading. Some of the best authorities assure us that the term "completely," that is "perfectly," brings out more fully the doctrine taught. Language insists that it means completely to the very consummation of the penalties is erroneously referred to them. The reference is not to saving always or for ever, but to His saving completely those that come unto Him. The perpetuity of His priesthood enables Him to carry through the salvation which He has commenced. He is able ever to save and He is able to save for ever, but this is not the meaning of the word. Blake has shown by very many instances that completeness is not duration in its idea as indeed its etymology would lead us to expect. Perfectly complete to the very end but without necessity in reference to them Christ is able to save in every way, in all respects and to the uttermost so that every want and need in all its breadth and depth is utterly done away with. The new version has expunged from the margin the word "evermore" and substituted "completely" in its place which agrees with the views of the eminent commentators. In fact, there is no word which more fully expresses the fullness of salvation. The divine ability is privileged for a finished salvation, a complete work. It would seem then that ample provision has been made for our complete salvation. The only thing needed to secure such a deliverance is to come to God by Christ. Before attempting to define the doctrine it may be well to guard the reader against several errors over which many lost souls have stumbled.

In considering this subject we are inclined to go to one of two extremes.

Either place the standard too high and by so doing turn hundreds of minds away from it as an impossibility, or place it too low and thus inspire ordinary believers no aspiration for its possession. If you would hit a mark you must know where it is. Some people aim at Christian perfection but mistake it for angelic perfection. They shoot above the mark and then peevishly give up their hopes. Others place the mark as much too low. Hence it is that you hear them profess to have attained Christian perfection when they have not so much as attained the needed serenity and the candor of a good natured consciousness. We place the mark too high when we make it consist of perfect conduct. Infallibility is not a fruit of grace. God alone is infallible. While human ideas of perfection leave no margin for human mistakes and unavoidable errors, divine ideals allow many to exist in connection with perfect love. A perfectly faultless being according to human judgment was never found among men. No person has yet lived of whom serious complaints were not made by someone. Not even the man Christ Jesus. In Him was no sin. He was "holy," "harmless," "undefiled," "separated from sinners," "In Him was no guile." This is the divine estimation of the man but this is not the judgment formed and expressed with regard to the conduct by many among whom He lived, to whom He preached, and for whom He labored and died. They said, "He hath a devil," He casts out devils by the prince of devils," He was a "winebibber," "Sabbath breaker," "disloyal to the government," "ought to die." Surely if they called the Master of the house Beelzebub, we may expect that they will say some unhandsome things of His household.

Job is a case in point. God declared that Job was a perfect man and asked Satan if he had considered that fact. Judging from the conduct of Satan it is fair to infer that he responded in the negative. He insisted that Job served God from selfish motives and if the things by which Job had been hedged about were moved he would cease to give evidence of the perfection which had been attributed to him. When houses, flocks, herds, servants, and children were all destroyed, Job, surveying the utter desolation, exclaimed, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Satan returned to the attack and insisted that though Job's earthly possessions were gone his selfishness was manifested in his care of his person and that should God touch his flesh he would curse Him to His face. Satan was allowed to do his worst without taking his life. Job's suffering was almost beyond human conception and quite beyond human endurance, but in the midst of his deepest physical suffering and mental sorrow, without earthly comfort or human sympathy, with the face of God and man seemingly against him he looked up confidently and exclaimed, "Though he slay me yet will I trust him." Finally Job's integrity is vindicated in the declaration—"In all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly. But with all this history before us and God's declaration with regard to Job's character, it will not be difficult to find any number of people who are ready to declare that Job was not perfect. Our only answer is that Satan affirms the same thing and God who knows the heart denied it. Human estimation of perfection differs. It would seem from the divine man judges from the outward appearance, God judges by the heart. It is a matter of devout gratitude to our heavenly Father that (Please Look On Page Two)

GIVING GOD THE GLORY

READING, Pa.—We wish to give God the glory for ever establishing the Church of God in Reading. We appreciate the service of Brother Shelton who has worked faithfully in Reading for a few years. We also appreciate our Overseer, Brother H. W. Potest. It has been over two years since our Overseer and Brother Shelton set the church in order. Later the Lord sent our precious Brother R. R. Seyda and family to pastor our church.

We have not forgotten our pastor who felt his call to go to North Dakota, and left us. I trust that God will give him many souls for his hire. We want to express our thanks for God sending our dear Brother E. P. Kimball to Reading. We feel that God has sent him. We appreciate Brother Kimball and family. They are blessed people. Pray much for our church that God will give us a successful year of 1930.—H. Hanley.

A Good Revival

Rome, Miss.—We thank the Lord for the colored work here. We praise Him for His great love and kindness and for the faithful work here. We are striving to press on in this good way. We thank God for Elder E. Ford, overseer of colored work in Arkansas, who came and held a few nights meeting for us. He opened fire on the enemy on December 15 and brought forth good messages to the saints and visitors. It was a great revival which lasted one day and three nights. It had to close on account of the snow and severe cold. During this great meeting two were reclaimed and three saved. Five were added to the Church of God. The meeting closed leaving the saints with much joy and hoping that Elder Ford would come back to us again.—Alex Richard, pastor, Leona Richard, clerk.

Contending For The Faith of The Saints

Luther A. Richard

Jude in his general epistle, third verse, says: It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS. This was in the early history of the gospel dispensation, but from the first there have always been those who claimed to be the servants of God who have opposed the plain teaching of the Word of God.

Notice, Jude said to contend for this faith, which is to dispute, to debate, or plead, to endeavor to convince a person, and to defend that faith.

One time I thought it would be wrong to debate with a man on the Bible, but of late years I feel that every minister of the gospel who is standing for this faith, should have a backbone in him to let the world and the devil know that he is standing for the faith of the apostles, and ought to be so acquainted with this doctrine he would be glad to meet the giants of today who are opposing it and at the same time claim that they are the servants of God and believe His Word, when we who have really tasted of the wonderful power of the Holy Ghost, know full well that they do not believe the Word of God. They deny that Christ has power to save from all sin and keep us free from it. Some who believe that much of the doctrine, will fight the Holy Ghost and His power, and at the same time claim they have Him. Have you ever heard a prayer among the professed Christians of today like this? O GOD BLESS US AND SEND US A REAL PENTECOSTAL BLESSING, OR PENTECOSTAL SHOWER. Yes, no doubt you have heard such praying, then you go to the man who prayed this, and say to him, Brother, do you believe that we today can have the Holy Ghost as the people did at Pentecost with the speaking in tongues and the power as they had, (Continued on page three)

Doctrine Vs Wind Of Doctrine

Many logical Winds are Blowing But We Can Know The Truth

J. P. Hughes

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17. "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:14.

One of the outstanding aspects of the church today is the probability of its members being influenced by the many theories and hypothetical arguments of men who have the appearance of scriptural teaching but in reality is nothing more than the "wind of doctrine." Too many who profess to be teachers are guessing at what the Scripture teaches and presumptuously propagate their theories as Bible doctrine.

The wind of doctrine is traveling at a great velocity in these last days, and there is danger of many precious souls being swept from their moorings. Erroneous teaching is flooding the country and infusing the minds of honest people to such an extent that many have become confused and disagreed on the simple truths of God's Word. The Bible is very simple in its teaching, but it has been mystified and misconstrued by erroneous teaching until many honest people are perplexed about "The Doctrine."

The most essential thing for every honest man or woman to do at this critical period of time is that which guarantees spiritual understanding. "If any man will do his (God's) will, he shall know of the doctrine." The text is a simple statement from our Lord and shows that deep consecration and conformity to the will of God are safeguards against delusion and serve as an anchor when the stormy wind of doctrine is furious. Doing the will of God is the key to spiritual knowledge; therefore, everyone who desires to know the truth should be wholly resigned to His "good and perfect will." Doctrine vs wind of doctrine should be our motto in these times of peril when so many are being tossed to and fro by the howling winds of doctrine and dogmas of the present day.

There is much propaganda in these days concerning prophecy, especially that of the second coming of Jesus to set up His kingdom on the earth. This important doctrine has become a target at which many are shooting; but since they shoot so wild and miss the mark so far, it is evident that somebody is guessing about the time of this glorious event. The Bible declares that "no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." Therefore, we do not have to guess about the second coming of Jesus nor look to any theory or hypothesis on the subject. Some have measured time, fixed dates, and even gone so far as to tell us that Jesus has already come. But such guessing doesn't effect those who are doing the will of God for they "shall know of the doctrine."

The International Bible students claim that Jesus came in 1914 and that we are now in the Millennium. Some propagandist say He will come in 1932, some in 1934 and others that in 1936 is the time for that great event. The "Times of the Gentiles" it is claimed ended in 1914 or 1917 which would virtually mean that the Gentile age has closed and the kingdom or millennial age begun, as the close of one age marks the beginning of another. This claim is based on a measurement of time beginning with the captivity of Judah under Nebuchadnezzar and extending to A. D. 1914 or probably 1917. It is argued that this was the allotted time for Gentile supremacy and therefore the "times of the Gentiles" have ended. All such claims are presumptuous, and when propagated is nothing more than a wind storm of human reason that should only be regarded as the "wind of doctrine" coming from an (Please Look On Page Three)

SPECIAL NOTICE

All ministers and clerks of Alabama are requested to be present at Pratt City, Ala., Feb. 4-8, S. W. Latimer General Overseer, will be present.—John C. Padgett, State Overseer of Alabama.

A Nice Sunday School

PALMER, Texas.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise the dear Lord for showing me the dear old Church of God, for saving me and giving me the sweet Holy Ghost. I mean to go on by the help of the Lord. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. God surely is blessing us at Palmer. Three have received the Holy Ghost and four have been restored. We have a nice Sunday School. We are planning to build a church. We have our lot and \$95.00 on the building. Don't forget to pray for our church, here. We need the prayers of all the saints.—Your sister in Christ, Larillian Springer, Box 103.

DOCTRINE VS WIND OF DOCTRINE

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uncertain source. It is only the hypothetical arguments of men and should not be accepted as Bible doctrine.

The institution known as the International Bible Students is flooding the country with literature that denies the personal second coming of Christ. They claim that His second coming is only in spirit and that He came in that manner in 1914. They are logical in their arguments and claim to go into the depth of prophecy; but their logic is only a fabrication and when it is placed beside the inspired Word of God rightly divided, it cannot stand. It is unscriptural to undertake to measure time and fix dates for Jesus to come or for the "times of the Gentiles" to close because the Word of God does not specify any set time for either event.

One peculiarity of the Bible is that it was written without dates; therefore, the time between scriptural events cannot be correctly measured. The dates found in the margin of the Bible were placed there by the translators and cannot be depended on for reckoning time between the events of prophecy. The Lord could have inspired the writers of the Bible to give correct dates, but as He did not and the original manuscript was without dates, it is evident that it was not His purpose to reveal the exact time for future events. The prophets foretold the birth of Christ and even made known the place where He would be born, but none of them set any date for His birth. The same is true of His second coming. Much is said of what He will do when He comes and even the manner in which He will come is revealed, but the exact time of His coming is known only to God. The Holy Ghost has frequently spoken of the second coming of Jesus since the "latter rain" has been falling but it is significant to note that all the Spirit says about the time of that event is that He is coming soon. To know that Jesus is coming soon is sufficient knowledge on the subject to keep us watching for Him. To go beyond the work of the Holy Ghost and set dates for that event or to claim that He has already come and that the "times of the Gentiles" have ended is too much for men to undertake.

It is true that Gentile supremacy began when Nebuchadnezzar was made world ruler and carried the Jews into captivity; but as the Bible was written without dates, we do not know the correct date when Gentile supremacy began. This being true, it would be impossible to correctly say when the "times of the Gentiles" would close for there must be a definite starting point to determine a definite end. One thing we can be sure of is that the Gentile age has not come to a close for the Scripture proves that the "times of the Gentiles" will continue until the rapture of the church.

When the Jews rejected Christ, God visited the Gentiles, "to take out of them a people for his name." (See Acts 15:13-16). We notice the Syrian New Testament reads as follows: "God hath begun to elect a people for his name from among the Gentiles." Acts 15:14. The elect of the Old Testament was Israel, but the elect of the new dispensation is the Church of God. Therefore, the people that God is electing from among the Gentiles is His church. When the church is complete, it will be presented to Christ at His appearing and the "times of the Gentiles" will end and God will return to the Jews and deal with them as a nation. (See Acts 15:16). When the "times of the Gentiles" come to a close God will begin to deal with the Jews thru the person of the Antichrist by whom He will chastise them till they accept Christ. It is true that the Jews are returning to Palestine under a mandate signed by the League of Nations, but that doesn't mean that the "times of the Gentiles" have ended for the Jews are still under Gentile supremacy.

God is still gathering out of the Gentiles a people for His name and will continue to do so until the church is presented to Christ at His appearing which will be the beginning of His second coming of which no man knows neither the day nor hour.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:13. The word "cometh" as used in this connection was taken from a Greek word that means to enter or appear. It is a modification of the word come and includes both aspects of the second advent of our Lord. It is true that the second coming of Jesus is divided into the aspects known as His appearing and rapture of the church and His final descent to earth to establish His kingdom. When Jesus appears in midair and the church is caught up to meet Him, His second coming then begins but will not be complete until He comes down to earth and all the raptured saints with Him. The exact time of this event is unknown to us in both of its aspects for Jesus said, "Ye know neither the day nor hour wherein the Son of man cometh." The Holy Ghost testifies that He is coming soon and that should satisfy the mind of everyone as to the time He will come. The Spirit and the Word agree, and in speaking of the sign of His coming, Jesus said, When Ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:33. "These things" that Jesus spoke of are obvious in the world today, and by these and the testimony of the Holy Ghost we know that Jesus is coming soon but we know not the day nor hour, and I will not attempt to say in what year He will come.

"But of the times (years) and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know exactly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1 Thess. 5:1-2. In this quotation we find that the time for the "day of the Lord" to begin is a profound secret for it "cometh as a thief in the night." The word "cometh" in this statement comes from the same Greek word that was used in the statement of Jesus in Matt. 25:13 concerning the time of His second coming. It signifies that the time of the entering or beginning of the day of the Lord is unknown, but that it will be a well known event after it begins.

The day of the Lord is shown by the Scripture to be the "hour of temptation" or "great tribulation." (See Rev. 3:10, Matt. 24:21.) The Scripture also proves that the church will be kept from this awful time of trouble that is to come upon the world. (See Isa. 26:20-21, Rev. 3:10.) The Bible makes it very clear that the "day of the Lord" will not begin till the church is taken out of the world and as the time for that day to begin is not disclosed it is evident that the time for the rapture is a profound secret. Paul was so sure that the church of the Thessalonians understood that they

LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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Hasten! Bring Sheaves To Him

—B. T. S.—

The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. These words have always had a deep significance to me. They have caused me hours of thoughts and meditation.

Can it mean that today there are people in darkness? souls who cry for the healing balm of Gilead? men and women in distress and anguish of soul? souls who need the comfort, courage, protection, and sustenance of the strong arm of Immanuel? Like flashes of lightning and blast of fire in a furnace the thoughts roll in turmoil thru the brain, causing the heart to beat with rapidity and the blood to heat and advance its tracing course thru the veins, when we remember that China has about four million in darkness of Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism; India has three hundred and twenty million out of which there are only five million Christians; Japan has her sixty million who need to hear the story of Jesus; and that other countries of Europe and Asia, most of Africa and parts of Latin America have never heard of the words of the loving Savior who can soothe their suffering, heal their diseases, weld the broken heart and, in fact, turn the dark, loathsome night of heathenism into a new life of hope, joy, light, and love of Christianity.

Nearer home we find that in our own beautiful America there are those who have not learned the meaning of these words of our Savior, "Come unto me, I will give you rest." And too there are those who have been deceived and contaminated with the beliefs that the Bible is not infallible, man not made in God's image, no miracles, no virgin birth, no duty, no atonement, and no resurrection, which lead to atheism, thus damning their souls for eternal torture and punishment.

Oh, reapers of the harvest! There is opportunity on every hand. Go! bring sheaves to Him!

When we listen we hear the regretful reply of the reapers, "Between us and opportunity is the treacherous river of discouragement and beyond that is the huge ironclad door of opposition."

Again we hear a voice like that of the Almighty, "Go, reapers, go. You can span the river of discouragement by faith without faith it is impossible to please God. And as for the door of opposition, the Word of God is a battering-ram that has broken down, can break down, and will break down every opposition if properly used. Go, reapers go!"

These words of encouragement would almost cause the dead to rally to the call, but it is not their call to reap so we who have heard the call must go.

One noticeable feature is that the Word must be properly used for the Word of God is quick and powerful but it must be rightly divided. For this cause Jesus taught His disciples three years before He sent them to harvest. And for this cause the command is in the Bible, "Study to shew thyself approved." So with the Word of God as our battering-ram, we can knock down every opposition and fight our way on to success and victory in the name of our coming King.

I remain yours for the upbuilding of the Kingdom, wishing a successful and prosperous future for the Church of God Young People's Endeavor.—David L. Lemons.

WHY HOLD BACK?

—B. T. S.—

I am glad I can send my testimony once again from the B. T. S., a place dear to my heart. We were not able to be here last term, but during that time I was often lonesome to be back again. I can truly say I have spent some of the happiest days of my life here and my great regret is, this is my last term here and it is almost half gone. I give God all the praise

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In the hour of trial, comes His sweet voice, saying "Fear not, my grace is sufficient for thee." It behooves us to keep our ears unstopped, ever listening for His still small voice which is unceasingly speaking words of love and cheer to our weary hearts. He

should not argue about the time that Jesus would appear that he did not deem it necessary to warn them against it. Therefore, it is essential that people spend their time in making preparation for the coming of our Lord without arguing about the time He will come. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36. Amen.

Faith Without Works Is Dead

—B. T. S.—

I thank the Lord for the privilege of attending this good Bible School again this term. I give God all the glory for my being here. I know it is thru Him that I have this wonderful privilege of being here. He has supplied me with a good job and I am working my way thru school.

When I left home I started out walking, catching rides down the highway from West Texas. I was only six days and a half on the road. My expenses were only six dollars and fifty cents. I saved about twenty-five dollars and by doing that I was able to pay my tuition in advance.

Dear ones, it pays to have faith in God. James says, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Jas. 2:26. If you have faith, put forth a little works with it. I thank the good Lord because He has helped me get here and is helping me to stay here.

My soul is longing for the time to come when I can get out in this big world and preach this good Gospel. I intend to start out somewhere and preach as soon as school is over. I want to be a soul winner for Jesus.

Oh, how I thank my good teachers for the services they have rendered in trying to teach me about God's good Word! I shall never regret the good hours I have spent in this good school. It makes my heart ache to think this will be my last term as I will finish. I ask all who read this to pray for me that God will use me to His glory.—A Bible student, Ross Hill, 2311 Peoples St., Cleveland, Tenn.

A Work Ordered By The Lord

—B. T. S.—

I am thankful this morning for the divine presence of our Lord. For over four years I have served this wonderful King and find Him to be a true friend and a present help in the time of need. Truly He is greatly to be praised.

We watched the old year out and the New Year in. The Lord surely blessed. There was good preaching, singing, praying, and shouting. New resolutions were made that we would try to do more for the Lord in the ensuing year than last year. James 4:8 says, Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. I feel that a number got in closer touch with God and took on new courage and zeal to fight for God and for right.

I do not believe I would be justified in not saying a few words for the Bible Training School for this is a work ordered by the Lord. My heart is made to rejoice when I look around and see so many young men and women preparing themselves for the Master's service. I do not believe there is any better place to get acquainted with God's Word than B. T. S. where we read, pray, preach, sing, and shout. All who read this pray for me and the success of B. T. S.—Curtis Young, Bauxite, Ark.

and I thank Him over and over again many times for letting me know about this good place and then letting me come.

Dear Christian young people, if there is in your heart a sincere longing and hunger to do something for God, won't you prayerfully consider the Church of God B. T. S.? If you feel the call of God in your life, won't you spend time to ask the Father His will concerning your life? I am sure God has precious jewels hidden away among the masses who need to step out in His service. Then why hold back?

Let us step out for God and trust Him to direct us and undertake that His will may be done in our lives.

Dear Evangel readers, remember me in prayer that I may be faithful in all things and fill my little place for God.—Pearl Anderson, Plaza, N. Dak.

says "Lo, I am with thee always even unto the end of the world." We hear David say, "Yea, though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Temptation is not sin; it is only when we have yielded to it that it is sin. We are yet mortal and subject to temptation but God's grace is always sufficient to carry us through. If we have faith in God, will clear the skies and move mountains of doubt from our pathway. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. For our burdens too He has made provision when He said, "Cast your burdens upon the Lord and He will sustain thee; He will never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Not one thing has our wonderful Creator overlooked, but all is included in the great plan of redemption.

It is the devil's business to hinder and God suffers it to be so, for each victory won is a step in the growth in grace. "Tribulation worketh patience, experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed." It takes all these trials to bring us to perfection.

Behold, Job was a perfect man, yet he was of all men most sorely afflicted yet in all these things he sinned not, but maintained his integrity, saying, "Though he slay me yet will I trust him. The latter end of this man was more blessed than the beginning. Surely God's grace was sufficient for Job."

Paul said when he was weak then he was strong. Why? He then realized the greatness of God and the sufficiency of his grace. The Lord says his strength is made perfect in weakness. As long as we have any resources of our own to bank on we do not realize so keenly our need of God, but when our strength is gone then we can rely upon the everlasting grace of God. Let us realize now that we are utterly dependent upon God for all.

Paul gloried in his infirmities, reproaches, etc., for Christ's sake because they kept him humble and ever contending for the grace of God. David said his infirmities were good for him because they taught him the statutes of the Lord. God uses this method of teaching His power.

If we always had sunshine we would not appreciate it and should we be carried on beds of ease we would lose sight of the need of continually seeking God's favor. He wants us to realize our helplessness that we may the better know His grace is sufficient for every need.

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in time of need." Heb. 4:14-16.

Remembering His promises, let us press our way into the kingdom, holding fast our profession through all the tests and ever hear Him say, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Contending For The Faith Of The Saints

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and he will laugh at you and say, No, no. That is not for us today. Then he will try to explain it all away. Then, for Heaven's sake why did the poor fellow ask the Lord to send a Pentecostal shower? This is no doubt what he really meant when he prayed: LORD, SEND US A PENTECOSTAL SHOWER WITH THE POWER AND TONGUES LEFT OFF. Really it would not be a Pentecostal shower unless He sent what they had at Pentecost. Then the man prayed for something which he did not want, neither did he believe in it. Such foolish praying!

CONTENT WITH THEM. Sure I will contend with them, whether I ever convince them or not. Yet, there are some honest people among them who will be convinced if we will let them know we are not afraid and are willing to meet them any place even at their own church and contend with them concerning this faith.

Sometimes I feel like giving my time to that cause, and go to the different places over the country where so-called ministers will fight against God and His Bible and the blessed Holy Ghost, and like little David, tell the world that I am ready to go in the name of the Lord God of Israel and fight the giant, cut his head off, put it on a pole, lifting it high so all can see and return to the camp shouting the victory.

IF YOU NEED ME CALL. I feel like saying to my Brother Preacher on the field that if any of those giants arise against this faith which you are preaching, and you do not have time to debate with them or don't want to, send for me for I want too. I feel that some of the Church of God preachers are compromising more or less with the world and with some of those preachers who will not stand for all the Bible. They want to appear nice and not be on the extremes, as they call it, but, brother, hear me, if we will stand flat-footed for this faith, and preach it with the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, we will raise the devil among those cold, dead preachers, and they will fight while souls will come flocking home to God. This kind of preachers never have believed in the power of the Holy Ghost and they never will, makes no difference how much we pet them, and if we as the Church of God are not careful, while we are easing down, thinking to capture such fellows, we will lose our power with God and be in the same box with them. Christ did not hesitate to say, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Also Stephen looked those fellows in the eyes, and said, Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did so do ye.

THEY NEEDED THE WORD

MONROE, Va.—Dear Evangel readers, I want to sound a note of praise to God this Sabbath day. The good Word of God reads, Perfect love casteth out fear. I know this by experience.

I was contemplating on a meeting in a district where lots of moonshining was going on. Our friends pleaded with my wife to persuade me not to go to that place. I said that I was not afraid for I love my Jesus. I secured a small room which would seat about one hundred. The Lord began to bless and the devil howl. The tenant of the house told me one Saturday night that I must get out. My wife and I prayed for the Lord to lay it on someone's heart to give us a place to tell the good news that Jesus still saves. On Sunday morning a worldly man came to me and asked me if I did not have orders to get out. He then told me that he had a place for us to use as long as we wanted it. Thank God, He answered our prayer.

The Word was preached in meekness and instead of being carried out dead, I drove out with a host of good sinner friends, awaiting my return to continue the revival as soon as the weather permits. I thank God for the many good people we found there. All they needed was the Word of God.

Evangelists, won't you come and help tell this place of salvation while it is yet day?

On December 23 we came to Deerfield, Va. We had services on Monday and Tuesday nights. Wednesday night we enjoyed a good Christmas entertainment. It filled my eyes with tears of joy to see the dear little children being reared to serve Jesus in the beauty of Holiness. How nicely they were trained!

From there we came to Thornwood, W. Va. and had services in the Methodist church. We enjoyed being with the good people. Our next stop was Norton, W. Va. We enjoyed ourselves with brothers and sisters we used to know. We are going to the Church of God in South Elkins, where we will again enjoy being with friends we used to know. God bless you all.—R. L. Rexrode Happy Band.

Church Organized

CLAYTON, N. C.—I thank the Lord for the good meeting we had while Brother and Sister Stocks were in charge. The Lord surely did bless. A church was organized with eight members and on the last day of the meeting two more were added to the church.

Brother Deans from Middlesex, N. C. is our pastor and we love him. The power fell so in the last service that Brother Stocks handled fire. He went to the fire and came out with real live coals. Surely God will bless His people if they will only be humble and obey His Word. Pray much for us.—Your brother in Christ, Willis Pollard.

If we will preach it in this way and cry out against sin, and declare to all men that God is the same yesterday and today and forever and that the blood has never lost its power, but will cleanse from all sin, preparing us for the coming-in of the blessed, wonderful Holy Ghost, and that when He comes we will speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance and contend for this faith, we will not have the fellowship of those cold, formal preachers inasmuch that they will want to come over and preach with us, but only those who love the Word of God will hang around us, and they come that they might be fed, so let us feed such and stand bravely and CONTENT FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS.

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CROSSING THE GREAT GULF

E. E. Malone

Dear friends and readers, we are crossing the great gulf, and many seem to be sailing along who do not know their destiny, yet they are sailing along. In living near the coast we naturally see and hear more about the gulf life. Now today, brother and sister, if you were sailing along the big bay leading to the rough, raging waters of the great deep, old gulf, and you did not know whether or not the vessel you were aboard would take you across, and someone would come to you in a vessel that was large and strong and well constructed so that it was sure to ride great, rough, boisterous waters thru storm and fairsailing, and offer to you an opportunity to board her and go across, would you say, Well, I'm not sure whether or not I'm saved in this way, but I'll risk it a while longer? or would you board the big ship and be sure you were saved and going thru? Now, dear reader, in St. Luke 16:26 we find "a great gulf fixed." And so we are sailing toward "the great gulf." Some are traveling at a breakneck speed thru life and do not know whether or not they are saved, and whether or not the ship that they are aboard, or the church to which they belong, and their experience with the Lord will take them safely over. They are not sure. Whether they are right or whether they are saved, they do not know.

Hear what father Abraham said to the poor man who sailed his vessel into the deep, deep pit, simply because he had a smooth tide and easy riding. You know the good, sweet Word of God says, "Broad is the way and wide is the gate that leads to destruction and many there be which go in thereat." So it seems that this way is so easy to sail upon that many prefer to go this way, and finally they awake to the fact that they have crossed "the great gulf." And while Lazarus may have lain close to them, we are sure he told them that they were on the wrong way and that their vessel would not land them safe, as every witness of God does. Then while in agony they cry for mercy, there is no consolation, and the gulf that they have crossed is now impassable. "And besides all this, there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to us cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence." Poor man! Yes, you say, he was rich. Indeed he was, but he left his riches when he went over, and there is no transport for them, "and whose shall these things be?" You will agree with me now that he was poor and, as many others, had used poor judgment.

Oh that we could look thru the dark fog and mist and see the simple way that's so plain, so simple, so straight that "a wayfarer man, though a fool, need not err therein." Pray, turn your vessel and head her ashore, fight for your life for the storm is approaching that may dash your ship in pieces, or angry waves on a mad sea carry you out into the deep sea of sin, and your vessel not being anchored in the harbor of God's love, you too may be carried across that great gulf. Brother Lazarus could not come to your rescue though he once piloted a life boat; he has finished his course, fought his fight and anchored at Port Abraham, where he tried to pilot you.

THE BEST THING ON EARTH

CLAYSVILLE, Pa.—I wish to announce to our many brothers and sisters in Christ that we are still on victory side. Hallelujah! We have just closed a week's evangelistic service. New Year's Eve was the last night. We closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. It was surely a week of feasting on the good things from our Lord, such as singing, shouting, dancing, speaking in tongues, praying, and praising the Lord. Brother Helmick, Evangelist of Buchanan, W. Va., was in charge. I will say to anyone who is in need of an evangelist, Give Brother G. W. Helmick a trial.

Our church is coming along nicely with three more added to it in the month of December and others looking our way. Come on brothers and sisters

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Ministers' Meeting Inspiring

S. LEBANON, Ohio.—The Ohio Ministers' meeting opened in Akron, Ohio, Thursday night, Jan. 2, with Brother E. Haynes, State Overseer, in charge. After a good song and prayer service Brother Joel Stamper brought forth a message on "The Call of the Ministry," using for a text, Jer. 16:16.

Friday morning Brother W. R. Messer brought the message on "Fellowship of the Ministry." Our hearts were made to rejoice as we listened to this. During this sermon two messages and their interpretations were given: "My people, my people, I am giving you my Word. Obey me and I will lead you unto a perfect day." The second was "I am in the midst of thee." It did us much good to know the Holy Ghost was placing His approval on this message.

Friday afternoon we were favored with a special song, "I Am Going Higher Some Day," by Brother Haynes and Sister Marie Hughes. After a short inspiring address on "The Second Coming of Our Lord" by Brother R. E. Hamilton, Brother T. M. McClendon brought the message on "Success and Failure of the Ministry." This was very beneficial and instructive.

Saturday morning Brother J. D. Wilson brought the message on "Loyalty of the Ministry." He said that it takes loyal ministers to make the Church of God rise and shine.

Saturday evening Brother J. A. Bixler preached on Church Government. This was delivered under the power of the Spirit and enjoyed by the large congregation present. At the close of this service the altar was filled with seekers. One girl received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues.

The afternoon services were given over to questions and answers in interest of the church throughout the state. A good spirit prevailed in the discussion of the business matters. It seemed that all the ministers left this meeting with a great determination to push the mission work this year as we see the need of having funds to put workers in new fields.

At the suggestion of the Overseer it was unanimously agreed that all churches in the state should observe Wednesday of each week as special prayer day for the membership and all Christians to spend the entire day in fasting and prayer to God. As we write this we can feel the great power of God on our body. It will surely be wonderful to have all of God's children in the state calling on Him at the same time. I feel sure He will hear them and will pour out His power on us this year in a wonderful way.

It would not do to close without telling of the excellent spirit that prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

It was good to see our state Overseer, who has fought many battles for God and His church, dance under the power of God with the other good brothers and sisters. We cannot tell all the good things about this meeting but many said it was the best they had ever attended. Many special songs were sung which were greatly enjoyed. The entire session seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us.

We left the meet feeling that it had been good for us to be there. May the dear Lord bless you and bring us together next year.—C. B. Huff.

A New Church

COLORADO, Tex.—Just a few lines to let you know Colorado, Tex. has been put on the map for the dear Church of God. Our state overseer, Brother S. J. Wood, and wife gave us twelve nights of their service in song and message. God richly blessed. This was the first Church of God preaching ever done in this place. We did not have large crowds but God was in our midst. The writer was the only Church of God member here at the beginning.

One man in sin was wonderfully healed of a fever then prayed thru. We heard him speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. One little girl was healed of an abscess in her head. Jesus told us these signs would follow them that believe.

This meeting began December 3 and closed December 15. Brother Wood set a church in order with seventeen members. Each member was baptized with the Holy Ghost.

We had Brother Campbell of Abilene with us last Sunday night. My husband was sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church. We had a wonderful service. The Holy Ghost gave a message and interpretation which meant much to the church and others. It reminds me of Psalms 110:2.

We have no church to worship in at present. We are having services mostly in our home ten miles south of Colorado on Magill farm. Anyone passing this way will find a hearty welcome in our midst. All please pray for God to have His way in this little band of saints for we are scattered about over the country. The people here have the greatest determination to live the life that I ever knew. My heart is made to rejoice when I realize that it pays to let your light shine.

He has given me a head of hair. I was bald-headed from a sunstroke for eighteen years and now my hair is growing. Pray for us.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Lina O'Donnell, clerk, Rt. 3.

for we are in the best thing on earth.—I. R. Thomas, clerk.

Deaths

KING

On December 25, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. King and claimed their darling baby boy, age seven months. We surely did hate to give him up but the Lord knew best. He was sick only a few days with pneumonia. He leaves to mourn a father, mother, two grandfathers, two grandmothers, six uncles, eight aunts, and a host of relatives and friends.

Sleep on, dear Flavius, And take your rest; We loved you, But Jesus loved you best.

Mother and father, we know you are lonely Since dear Flavius went away; But if you live true to Jesus, You'll meet him in Heaven some day.

One who loved him dearly, his uncle, Ersie A. Huffstutler, Cleveland, Ala.

STAPLES

Our beloved Brother Walter Staples was called from our ranks Sept. 10, 1929. He was sixty-eight years of age. He was faithful to his family to the last. He is sadly missed by his wife, family, and members of the Church of God.—H. Hanley.

KNIGHT

On December 25, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knight and claimed for its victim their darling baby, William Knight, age one month, two weeks, and one day. He was just a bud on earth to bloom in Heaven. We are lonely without him but we weep not as those who have no hope.

How slowly glide the moments by, How long appears the day, How sad the time is Since dear William went away. His brother and second cousin, Luther Morelock and Katie Jones.

DAVIS

On Dec. 26, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister E. S. Davis and claimed their darling little boy, George, age six years and five days. He was loved by all who knew him. He was a bud on earth to bloom in Heaven. We weep not as those who have no hope for our loss is Heaven's gain. He leaves to mourn a father, mother, three brothers, four sisters, one grandfather, two grandmothers, several aunts and uncles and a host of friends.

Sleep on, little George, And take your rest; God called you home, For He thought it best. One who loved him, Annie Bramlett.

THOMAS

On August 16 the death angel claimed for its victim Sister Mattie M. Thomas of Offerman, Ga. She was a true Christian, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. She was not a member of any church but it was her request to be buried by the Church of God people. She didn't want anyone to weep over her but wanted her funeral to be as a revival and every saint of God to testify.

She is survived by her husband, one son, three daughters, and other relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. B. Weeks and her body laid to rest in Ben James cemetery in Pierce County to await the coming of Jesus.—Mrs. R. B. Herin, Prescott St., Waycross, Ga.

RIDGEWAY

On December 29, 1929 the death angel visited the home of R. P. Ridgeway and took his dear wife, Mrs. Georgia Ridgeway, home. She was forty-four years and three months of age. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, nine children, stepmother, two brothers, one sister two half-brothers, one half-sister, four grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. It was so hard to give Aunt Georgia up but God knew best. She had been in bad health for sometime. It is so sad to go to the home and not see her. She was a member of the Church of God at Mt. Zion. She will be greatly missed at Sunday School. Her body was laid to rest in the Winville cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Aunt Georgia dear, you've gone and left us Oh, we loved thy voice so well; But some sweet day we hope to meet you

Where we will never say farewell.—Her niece, Golden Wright.

Hearts Overflowing

BALTIMORE, Md.—God is still working in Baltimore. On the first night of this year God met with us in a new and living way. We were made to wonder if our Brother Chapman was going to be translated so great was His power on him. One sister who had been seeking the Holy Ghost received it that night. Our hearts are overflowing this morning with His praise. We are longing for the time to come, if Jesus tarries, that we will put up our tent and open fire on the enemy in another part of this old wicked city. We ask an interest in your prayers. I am an evangelist in the Church of

SIN

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR
Atlanta, Ga.

One meaning of the Greek verb translated to sin is to miss the mark. Jesus is our example. If we fail to reach that divine standard, if we "miss the mark," we sin. Sin includes transgression, an overstepping of the law, the divine boundary between good and evil; iniquity, an act inherently wrong, whether expressly forbidden or not; error, a departure from right; trespass, the intrusion of self-will into the sphere of divine authority; lawlessness, or spiritual anarchy; and unbelief, or an insult to divine veracity. It is "high treason" against the very throne of God and of the moral order of His universe.

Sin originated with Lucifer, the chief musician of heaven, when he was filled with pride, saying, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, I will be like the most High," as recorded in Isa. 14: 13-14. His name was then changed to Satan, or the devil, he was cast from heaven, and at his first chance he caused the first inhabitants of the earth to sin. And how did he approach them? Did he affirm what God had said about their dying if they ate of the forbidden fruit? No. He made them doubt the Word of God. Because this plan worked so well in that case, he continued, and still continues to use it. He, through his workers, pares and trims and makes exceptions and allowances with the Bible, causing some to consider it only a book of myths and exaggerations. And since it is impossible to escape the arguments of the devil let us learn to wield the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, that we can cut him off with "Thus saith the Lord."

Sins were, and are, universal, Christ alone excepted. It has no remedy but in the substitutionary death of Christ. And what return does our Savior ask for redemption accomplished at such an infinite cost? That we should come to the mercy-seat with broken hearts, confessing sin, weakness, and need, and with faith in His power to hear us; that we become His obedient servants, rather than Satan's, loving one another and bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit. Thanks be unto God for His great mercy!

Sin is in a progressive stage. That crime increases from year to year is plain; and not only crime but sins that so-called (and I repeat very emphatically so-called) moral persons commit become more numerous, and reach further extremes every day. A few years ago we thought of jazz only in connection with music. Today we have jazz in dress, jazz in religion, jazz in everything. In fact, sin is progressing at such a rapid rate that it will soon reach its destiny "where the beast and the false prophets are."

There are various disastrous results of sin. One of them is death, for "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Another is absence from God. Just as literally as Adam and Eve were expelled from the presence of God when they sinned, so are we today. Sin also causes the loss of the image of God. Adam and Eve were made in His image; but every day we see their descendants whose countenances are so marred by the effects of sin that no resemblance of their Creator is left. We see others whose expressions shine with the very glory of God. And these are the ones whose sins are under the blood.

And one other result of sin: It is the dread for the presence of God. Before Adam and Eve sinned, how they longed for the hour that brought, not merely their Creator, but even their Father. But after they disobeyed Him, what a change! The desire of their hearts was that God would never return. Thus it is with the people of the modern world. Sinners ask, "Where is the promise of His coming?" and, like Adam and Eve, wish that Christ would never come. But true Christians are saying from the depths of their hearts, "O Lord, how long must we wait? We pray thee, hasten the time of thy return."

Sin is an act, the violating of, or failing to obey the revealed will of God; a state, absence from righteousness; and a nature, enmity toward God.

If we will keep ourselves from sin just a little while longer, I am sure we will be richly rewarded, for our redemption draweth nigh.—Emerson Purcell.

Good Times With The Lord

PLEASANT GROVE, N. C.—I thank God tonight for the little band of saints He has given us at this place. The Church of God was set in order here in August with twelve members. We have Sunday School and prayer meeting. We surely do have some good old shouts. Our pastor, Brother T. C. McCall, is with us two and three times a month. We surely are glad to see him and his wife coming. We have seekers at the altar every time an altar call is given.

We would like to have everyone who can to visit the church on the second and fourth Sundays. Thank the Lord tonight for the dear saints

God and would be glad to hear from any of the Evangel family.—Mrs. Sarah Anderson, 1246 James St.

THE MEETING IN THE AIR

Pauline Jackson

Have you heard about the meeting That will be up in the air? No one knows what time Jesus's coming. So get ready, be prepared.

In my hand I hold a message asking me, Will you be there? And I answer, I'm coming, watch for me For I'll be there.

There will be a great convention, Some from every land and clime; If you do not want to miss it Then get ready, be on time.

Jesus is the great attraction, He is coming for His own; We are going up to meet Him And sing glory round His throne.

There'll be singing, there'll be shouting Such as ne'er was before; When we saints shall all be gathered Clothed in white around the throne.

There will be a great reunion With all those gone on before, Where all sin and sorrows ended Parting days will come no more.

Oh get ready for the summons, It may come at any time; There'll be no time then to get ready, You may then be left behind.

Every one that meets conditions, As God gives in His Word, Will be ready for the meeting, In accordance with His Word.

Only Trust In Him

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I want to write just a few lines of praise to the dear Lord thru the Evangel for what He has been to me. He has wonderfully blessed my soul and my little weak efforts I have put forth for Him. Bless His dear name.

Last Spring I felt the call from the dear Lord to come to Bainbridge, Ga. It was about two hundred miles from where I was living. I did not know what to do. I did not have the money to pay my way but I could still hear a small voice saying, Go. At last I told the dear Lord if He would give me my body ease and make the way and supply my needs I would go and do my best. Altho' I knew I was weak and unlearned but I would go. He moved every pain at once and gave me the victory. He also gave me witness as to where He wanted me to go and what to do. I was just as content and satisfied that I would go as if I were already on my way. People asked me where I was going and I told them to Bainbridge, Ga. They did not believe it because they knew I did not have the money for the trip. I did not know where or how I would get it but God had promised it in answer to my prayer. I knew it would come in some way at the right time.

On July 5th I received a letter containing my fare to Bainbridge, Ga. I did not know anyone at the place but in obedience to the dear Lord I landed in this town on July 6. On July 8 we began service at a schoolhouse. A few days later a sister came to help fight the battle. We were there three weeks. The Lord surely did bless. Some were saved, and some sanctified. Since then some have received the full blessings.

We have a little Sunday School here. The dear Lord opened up the heart of one man and he is letting us have a house to hold services in free of charge. Pray for us that we will do more for the Lord at this place.

Pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost and that we may hold out to the end.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. L. B. Lynn, Rt. 2.

Several Saved

FARMVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for the four weeks' meeting which we had at Ormsville schoolhouse. Brother K. H. Turner was in charge. I believe Brother Turner is a man of God and out for lost souls. December 23 was his last sermon. It was a sad

and His precious power.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all who read this. Please pray for my unsaved father, brothers, and sisters.—A sister under the blood, Ursilla McCall, clerk.

PRAY FOR THE MEETING

W. RADFORD, Va.—I thank the Lord for being saved, sanctified, and for the way He is blessing our meeting. Brother George Douglas is doing the preaching. I want all who read this to pray for the meeting and that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. S. C. Cox.

TAKE ON NEW COURAGE

COVIN, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers, I thank the good Lord for what He is to me. He means regeneration, sanctification, and the Holy Ghost to me. I thank the Lord for His Son Jesus and for victory thru His blood. Bless His dear name!

I am still on the battlefield the most of the time. We had a meeting at Fleetwood, Ala. which was held twelve nights in November. The Lord surely did bless. Some were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Some came into the church. There are some good people at Fleetwood. May the Lord bless them and give them a good pastor this year and keep them with the victory.

We spent about four days at home and then went to Pratt City and preached one time for them. From there we went to Parkwood. We were there about two weeks in a revival. The Lord blessed. Two were saved, three sanctified, and one came into the church. There are only a few saints at this place but they have the victory. Pray for God to bless them.

We went again to Fleetwood where we met the district overseer. While there we had two services. We spent Christmas at home. We had services at the church at Kennedy during Christmas. The Lord surely did bless, especially on Sunday night. We had a wonderful time. The writer delivered a short discourse and Brother Taylor, pastor, and Sister Gertrude Newman preached a wonderful sermon. Brother Taylor is a good man and can preach well. He is at his best most all the time in service.

Let us take on new courage and try to do more this year than we did last year. Pray for me.—Your unworthy brother in Christ, L. J. Potts.

CROWNED OR CRUCIFIED

I stood alone at the bar of God In the hush of the twilight dim And faced the question that pierced my heart— What will you do with Him? Crowned or crucified which shall it be? No other choice was offered to me.

I looked on the face so marred with tears That was shed in His agony; The look in His kind eyes broke my heart.

'Twas full of love for me. "The crown or the cross," it seemed to say, "For or against me—choose thou today."

He held out His loving hands to me While He pleadingly said, "Obey, Make me thy choice for I love thee so." Crowned not crucified thus it must be. No other way was open to me.

I knelt at the feet of Christ In the hush of the twilight dim, And all that I was or hoped, or sought, I surrendered unto Him. Crowned not crucified, My heart shall know No king but Christ who loved me so.

A sister in Christ, Leone Huggins, clerk, Kinston, N. C.

meeting to think of him going away and several with whom he had pleaded were not right with God.

There was good done during the meeting. A number of people were healed of different diseases and several were saved.

Pray that I might get just where the Lord can use me more in the future. I love the Highway of Holiness. I am glad I ever heard it preached. I have three girls and two boys. Pray that I might rear them in the way God would have them go.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. C. P. Wainright.

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